

THE FAKE BLACK HAND IN CHICAGO



HOW INDIVIDUALS HAVE OVERWORKED A POPULAR METHOD OF GETTING REVENGE OR OBTAINING PUBLICITY.

THE fake Black Hand letter, the bane of the detective, the worry of the chief of police, the joy of the sensational reporter, the "subject" for the student in the psychology of suggestion and the nuisance to the general public, is one of the most remarkable developments in the criminal history of America during the last few years.

which is so strong in criminal circles and among the uneducated, the fake "Black Hand" letters have taken strange twists and turns since the Nicoletti affair.

of Harvard, one of the foremost authorities on the psychology of suggestion, such epidemics as the Black Hand letters may be traced almost directly to nervously disordered persons who have had the suggestion made to them by seeing wild-eyed Black Hand stories, written by cub reporters, in the daily press.

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"Keep Smiling," a Good Luck Motto

Several little good luck images grinned in a shop window underneath a woman's lunch club. They were put here just at noon, when the city shops and offices began to turn out their workers.

little towns and the country," said the student as he helped the older man into the car.

AN ASTRONOMICAL CATASTROPHE.

Possible Result of a Collision Between the Sun and a Dark Star. According to a dispatch from Boston, professor Percival Lowell made the announcement one day last month that "there is a possibility that our sun will collide with a dark star."

(By Zitella Cowley) I know all is true you tell me, That God is wise and good, That the Hand which spreads the heavens

Provides the Sparrow's food. I know how sure is His promise. Better than you can say— But the dearest one on earth to me Was buried yesterday.

God loveth the soul He chastens, I know, is Holy Writ. Shall ever complain of the Potter? Who molds and fashions it?

The End of The Story. BY MARY B. MACDERMOTT. Courtland sat quietly through the dinner as if troubled. Even the beautiful Miss Clairton, opposite him, who, rumor said, had refused both titles and riches in marriage, failed to move his

LET ME ENJOY.

Let me enjoy the Earth no less Because the all-enacting Might That fashioned forth its loveliness Had other aims than my delight.

Illustration of Uncle Sam and text: SOME NEW DESIGNS FOR UNCLE SAM'S MONEY.

THE eagle, the buffalo and the Indian have well-nigh disappeared from the Western prairies. Inevitable civilization found them unfit. Now they are to be banished from the crisp, green bank notes, their last resort, if the active imagination of boyhood is excepted.

Once Upon a Time

"And the man," "Gave way to temptation," he answered with a shrug, "committed the forgery, was discovered and punished according to the law of the land."



ter a while he came back again, and his punishment began. "I don't understand," she said. "It was a girl," he replied. "Then his life's remorse came to him."

are contemplated. At present there are sixteen different designs. Under the new plan, which embodies the ideas of officials of the Treasury Department, bankers, business men and currency experts, there will be but nine designs.

Conscientious Ones Make Mistakes. "Probably your gay little girl doesn't work," answered the physician.

SOME MARRIED MEDITATIONS.

but dare not—"for I admire a man who has a will of his own. The man of whom you have been speaking was weak at the best."

By Clarence L. Cullen.

It doesn't hurt any to express occasional surprise over the (maybe) fact that she still remains as a girl at heart.

SOME NEEDED INVENTIONS.

A padded cervical table for use in smoking cars by what-naying commuters, so that when they play the bank account is big enough so that they can be comfortably fixed and I can stay at home and keep house," said a woman who takes care of a big photographic studio.

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"He was broken-hearted and resolved to go far away, where there were no people or associations to remind him of the girl he had lost. He stepped aboard a sailing vessel and finally landed in the camp.

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Mastery of the Air.

"Mastery of the air" is a fearfully overworked phrase, but every day confirms its appropriateness when applied to the Wright brothers. In contrast with the long succession of failures, accidents and half-successes which culminated in Orville Wright's disastrous flight at Fort Myer, the career of the two brothers ever since has been an almost unbroken sequence of victories.

Dark Philosophy.

"A man can sinus fix up arguments to quiet his conscience," said Uncle Eben, "but 'tain't no use. No matter how much you turns de clock back, sundown winter come jes' de same."

Why the Baby Cried.

Mrs. Newpop—"What's the baby crying for, I wonder?" Mrs. Newpop—"Oh, he tried to swallow my cuff buttons."